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MEMORANDUM

September 17, 2021

To: Members of the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on "Recognizing and Building on the Success of Pandemic Relief

Programs"

On <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 22</u>, <u>2021</u>, <u>at 2:00 p.m. ET</u>, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis will hold a hearing to review the impact of the pandemic relief programs in alleviating hardship during the coronavirus crisis.

This hearing will convene in person in 2154 Rayburn House Office Building and remotely using Zoom, which has been approved by the House, at the discretion of the Chairman, the witnesses, and other Members.

Participants appearing in person will be required to adhere to the current <u>Attending</u> <u>Physician's Guidelines</u>, which provide for "all individuals, both vaccinated and unvaccinated alike, to wear a mask in indoor spaces to further reduce spread of Delta agent coronavirus."

Members attending remotely are asked to connect by 1:30 p.m. to ensure their participation and troubleshoot any connectivity issues. The hearing will be recorded and livestreamed for the public.

I. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF HEARING

The hearing will review the impact of pandemic relief legislation—most significantly, the CARES Act, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, and the American Rescue Plan Act—in alleviating hardship during the coronavirus crisis. The hearing will highlight the success of these measures in pulling the nation out of the economic crisis created by the pandemic, and will examine further steps that must be taken to build an equitable, resilient economic future for all Americans.

II. WITNESSES

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